

GRANTING OF CERTAIN FOREST PRIVILEGES AND CONCESSIONS TO THE AGRICULTURISTS OF NORTH KANARA DISTRICT.

* Q.—636. Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Sirsi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government Order passed in June 1958 granting certain Forest privileges and concessions to the agriculturists of North Kanara District has been implemented;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

A.—Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Minister For Law and Labour) on behalf of Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Forests).—

(a) The Forest privileges and concessions sanctioned in the Government Order No. AFD 6 MRP 58, dated 19th May 1958 have been implemented. The other matters are also being implemented.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (a).

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Sir, may I know the aspects of the Government order passed in June 1958 ?

† Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, there are 9 items and most of them have been implemented fully or partially and those that are not implemented are granting slopes for cashew cultivation on betta lands.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—May I know whether the betta lands have been divided as mentioned in the G. O. ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Not yet fully.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—May I know whether the aspect relating to adequate grant of timber to benefit the agriculturists of North Kanara district has been implemented ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Yes.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—May I know whether the G. O. pertaining to regularisation of encroached lands on betta land has been implemented ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Yes Sir.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—May I know whether the Minister's replies are based on the replies he has received or has he and personal knowledge of it ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Sir, from the information before me, I am replying.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—May I know the percentage of area covered in North Kanara ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—It is said to be 80 per cent.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, it is said that the other matters are also being implemented. May I know what those other matters are?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Matters relating to Revenue Department and Agriculture Department. Of the 9 matters, some are dealt with by the Forest department. The question is with regard to forest privileges. If my friend wants to know the other matters also, have got a list and I will read out.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, the House wants to know whether other members who are coming from other areas can claim the same privileges; so, what are the other matters?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Cultivation of betta lands; permission to build residential buildings in the betta lands.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Sir, the Minister was pleased to categorically state that the G. O. has been implemented. If it is brought to the notice of the Government that many matters incorporated in the said G. O. have not been implemented, what action the Minister is going to take?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—To implement them Sir.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Will the Government take action against the Officers who have furnished false information?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Such action which is necessary will undoubtedly be taken.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Will the Government extend this to other forest areas which is more than 50 per cent?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—It will be considered as and when they arise.

PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO THE PERSONS WHOSE HOUSES WOULD BE SUBMERGED DUE TO IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN KUSHTAGI TALUK.

*Q.—654. Sri E. PUNDALIKAPPA (Kushtagi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether a survey has been undertaken near Kadur, Huliyaipura and Pura villages of Kushtagi Taluk in respect of irrigation projects;

(b) if so, names of the village that would be submerged under the Projects;

(c) the estimated acreage of land that would be irrigated by the Projects;

(d) the estimated amount of the cost of the houses that would be submerged and the amount of compensation payable;